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Timely Tidbits ...

Dinner/Comedy Show

The comedy improv troupe "94 East" – featuring Craig Alan, Scott Donnelly, Julie Morris, and Romulus's own John Thiede – will be appearing at the Romulus Progressive Club (11580 Ozga Road) on Saturday, February 15. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.; 94 East will perform at 8:30 p.m. and again after dinner.

Tickets – only \$25 per person/\$45 per couple – include dinner, two drinks, and the show.

For more information, call Progressive Hall (734-941-3044) or visit www.94eastimprov.com.

Rec Holds Sign-up for Basketball League

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation invites students in grades 9–12 to sign up for the new High School Basketball League, which will practice on Saturday mornings and play games on Monday evenings at Romulus Middle School.

Cost for the program, which begins February 17 and ends April 29, is just \$35 per player. Register at the Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins) by Friday, February 14.

For more information, please call 734-942-6852.

Mother/Son Dance

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation will host its annual Mother/Son Valentine's Dance at Romulus Middle School on Thursday, February 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A cost of \$7 per couple (plus \$2 for each additional son) covers dancing, refreshments, one picture, and a flower for Mom. Cash only, please.

Since space is limited, early registration is strongly suggested. Tickets will be sold at the Recreation Center on a first-come/first-served, advance basis only. No tickets will be sold after 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11. Absolutely no tickets will be sold at the door.

For more information, please call 734-942-6852. □

Romulus School District Honors Retirees

The Romulus Community Schools Board of Education has honored several recent retirees with resolutions recognizing them for their dedicated service to the district. The retirees included Merriam Elementary kindergarten teacher Patricia Hebert, bus driver Bonnie Poet, Adult and Community Education secretary Rosemarie Nettle, and High School industrial-education teacher Terrell Bird.

The resolution for Hebert commended her for "her calming, nurturing demeanor, which was reflected in the excellent behavior and achievement of her students." It also praised her as "an extraordinary kindergarten teacher who exhibited warmth and affection for her students" and for her willingness to fulfill extra school-related responsibilities.

Poet's resolution included commendations for consistently receiving superior evaluations for "exceeding the standards for her work"; for her outstanding attendance record; and for "fostering excellent community support and understanding for the important job of transporting Romulus children by maintaining good relationships with students, parents, and district employees."

Nettle was lauded for her consistent expertise in "performing her assignments accurately and promptly," as well as for "demonstrating her ability to establish and maintain efficient office procedures" and "often demonstrating initiative and resourcefulness in her duties." Also noted was the dedication of her own time to support charity events such as fund-raisers for needy students/families; her years of support for the district's band program by providing kitchen help at many band festivals; her contributions in support of various district millage and bond issues; and her leadership of Local 64, where she served as president for many years.

The resolution for Bird recognized him for a variety of accomplishments and achievements. He was commended for his many extra school-related activities: serving as head of both the industrial education department and the building trades program that was responsible for the construction of seven Romulus-area homes; advising the High School robotics team; working on the school improvement team; helping with Career Day programs, and supporting the Student of the Month program.

He was additionally commended for sharing his expertise in coaching as



A party celebrating the retirement of Romulus Community Schools employee Rosemarie Nettle (center) was attended by more than 100 people, including her daughter Lisa and husband Ron.

signments and for his longtime volunteer work for the district football and track programs, as well as for his involvement with community groups such as the Romulus Jaycees, the Romulus Community Relations Commission, the Romulus Historical Society, and the City

of Romulus Historical Commission.

Finally noted were his efforts as building representative, grievance chair, and president of the Romulus Education Association, and his service as board member and bargaining chair for the Wayne County Education Association.



Terry Bird (second from left) – pictured here with Robert Ditsch, RHS math teacher Wendy Pachota, alumnus Kevin Longre, and GM Powertrain engineer Kevin Gay – dedicated many extra hours to the students of Romulus throughout his 39-year teaching career, and particularly enjoyed his time as faculty advisor to the RHS robotics team.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor MUST contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity.

Names will be withheld by request only in exceptional cases where, in our opinion, there is a legitimate reason to do so. (Writers need not be afraid to include their name when asking for anonymity, since all such names are kept in the strictest confidence, regardless of whether or not the letter is published.)

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Opinions expressed in the "Letters to the Editor" are not necessarily shared by the staff of The Romulus News.

Chamber Says Thanks

On behalf of the Romulus Chamber of Commerce, I would like to extend thanks to everyone at *The Romulus News* for their help in the distribution of the 2003 Romulus Directory and Romulus Map.

Dennis Williams

Romulus Chamber of Commerce

Councilman Criticized

I usually try to make it my habit not to criticize the actions of elected officials, since I personally have been one before, and I like to think that they are trying their best at the job they are charged to do. However, there has been a "problem" here in the City of Romulus that has gone on for many years unchecked. I have lived here, by choice (I had a home built here), for over eight years now, so I assume this problem dates back to before then.

I speak of the constant rude, crass, sarcastic, and downright asinine behavior of our mayor pro-tem, Mr. Randolph Gear. Records over the last eight years will show that all of my interactions with the city council and/or mayor(s) have been on a professional level.

The current issue that I speak of, although many may call it trivial, is the deep-rooted behavioral pattern embodied by this "leader." At a recent meeting, when I was there to show appreciation and support for the firemen of our city, especially those from Station #4, who have aided me countless times over the last year, I witnessed the most recent of these outbursts.

Councilman William Wadsworth, with the consensus approval of the mayor and his fellow council members, including Mr. Gear, brought up an issue relative to Romulus lobbying for its rightful representation on the Airport Authority. At the end of the discussion, Mr. Gear made several sarcastic, ignorant state-

ments relative to, "Well, Councilman Wadsworth, just where should we place this for action..." and rambled off several areas of the agenda, most of which were already done and over with. This highly unprofessional behavior should not be tolerated by the other council members or by this community.

Councilman Gear likes to espouse "correct placement on the agenda" and "rules of decorum," and yet quite often he only uses such things as "weapons" to those who he opposes personally or their ideals. His lack of even a mediocre working knowledge of *Robert's Rules of Order* is laughable at best, and yet he flaunts it in the face of public members who are not schooled in the use of parliamentary procedures. When I went to school, I remember "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people." If our leaders cannot show some level of compassion, respect, and interest in their constituents, then, I ask, why are they there?

I am aware that watching our council meetings on cable TV is not the most exciting thing to do on an evening, but I challenge Romulus residents to begin to do so, or, better still, attend meetings. See how you are being represented. Currently, we seek local, county, state, and federal leaders that show restraint, respect, knowledge, and the necessary leadership skills needed to lead us through some challenging times. I believe that Mr. Gear's behavior is reprehensible, and we, the voters, should hold him accountable for this. I personally expect more from someone sworn to represent me. As I stated on the record at that meeting, I am embarrassed and ashamed that he represents me for this city.

I urge you, Ms. Editor, to remember this issue when it comes time for your political endorsements as well. You should not place yourself in the same category as those that pander to certain neighborhoods (i.e., north of I-94). I urge you, voters, to get out the vote next election. If you sit idly and do nothing (especially not vote), you place yourself in the same category as this disrespectful leader.

Robert W. McLachlan
P.S. At that meeting, I also brought up the fact that many residents are not shoveling their snow, causing an impediment for children walking to school, as well as myself, since I have become somewhat disabled and walk with a cane. Councilman Gear, who lives less than two blocks from me, still have not shoveled his snow from last week's snowfalls. To me, this shows a complete contempt for the ordinances of this city, as well as the citizens he serves. □

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The Crime Blotter

Officer Damian Hull of the Romulus Police Department issued the following "Crime Blotter" report on January 23.

• Larceny

intersection of I-94 and Middlebelt
The victim's vehicle was broken down on I-94. The victim returned to the vehicle and found the passenger window broken out. Numerous items were stolen.

• Counterfeit Currency

15000 block of Streamway
A Romulus resident was arrested for domestic violence. During the investigation, officers recovered counterfeit money. The investigation was turned over to the U.S. Secret Service.

• Breaking & Entering

6700 Brandt
A storage trailer was broken into.

• Breaking & Entering

39400 block of Wade
A shed was broken into.

• Attempted Breaking & Entering

14500 Hannan
An unknown subject attempted to pry open a shed. Entry was not gained.

• Stolen Vehicle

6100 block of Dexter
A 2002 Chrysler Sebring was stolen.

• Breaking & Entering

30325 Flynn (Extended Stay Hotel)
A storage trailer parked in the lot was broken into. Tools were stolen.

• Stolen Vehicle

5900 block of Metro
A 1988 Pontiac Grand Prix was stolen from the location.

• Counterfeit Currency

9234 Wayne (Speedway Gas Station)
The manager reported receiving a counterfeit \$50 bill at the location.

• Larceny

15600 block of Harriet
A vehicle's window was broken out. Tools and a cell phone were stolen.

• Larceny

27900 block of Arbor Court
An invited guest at the location was accused of stealing the victim's ring.

• Fraudulent Activity

36548 Goddard (Comerica Bank)
A suspect attempted to cash a counterfeit check for \$9,624.17. The bank teller notified police and the suspect was arrested inside the bank by RPD.

• Stolen Vehicle

intersection of Wick and Tobine
A 1990 Chevy was stolen from the location. □

Hopgood on Education Committee

State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood has announced his appointment to the House Education Committee. Hopgood, the first Asian-American to be elected to the Michigan Legislature, will also serve on the House Energy & Technology and Regulatory Reform committees.

"Michigan schools have to teach Michigan children the life and job skills that will ensure their success in the New Economy of the twenty-first century," said Hopgood. "We have to make sure that we reduce class sizes and that our classrooms are technologically advanced enough to enable our kids to reach their full potential."

"Our children are our most precious resource," he continued, "and they deserve no less than a world-class education."

The Education Committee deals with issues related to Michigan's core curriculum, the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP), and teacher and vocational training.

The House Energy & Technology Committee oversees Michigan's utility companies, telecommunications, and cable television companies.

The House Regulatory Reform Committee works on issues related



Hoon-Yung Hopgood

to the licensing and regulation of funeral homes, cemeteries, and non-profit groups, and also oversees the Michigan lottery and liquor control.

"I look forward to working with my fellow committee members," said Hopgood. "We will have to work together, ignoring party lines and partisan bickering, if we are going to overcome the many challenges facing Michigan's working families." □

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Metro Palace Cafe Features Middle Eastern Cuisine



Romulus mayor Alan R. Lambert (left) congratulates Metro Palace Cafe owner Ray Ahmad on the success of his new restaurant. (Photo courtesy of Metro Palace Cafe.)

By Rikki Strobos

Downtown Romulus's new Middle Eastern restaurant has gained a sizeable fan club since first opening its doors, and its number-one fan is the city's number-one citizen.

"The food at Metro Palace Cafe is great," says Mayor Alan R. Lambert. "I eat there at least once or twice a week."

"Give it a shot," he urges. "I'm sure you will love it, too."

Besides Lambert's personal favorites – chicken shawarma, shish kabob, shish tawook, and hommous – the res-

taurant serves a wide variety of traditional Middle Eastern fare, including raw and fried kibbee, stuffed grape leaves, babagannouj, falafel, fattoush, tabbouli, and (of course) baklava. Western classics such as hamburgers, French fries, and fish & chips are also on the menu.

One of Metro Palace Cafe's most popular offerings, according to owner Ray Ahmad, is the juice bar.

"People love stopping in for our fresh juices, especially the 'energizer cocktail' made from oranges, bananas, strawberries, milk, and honey," he explained. "It's a deliciously refreshing pick-me-up."

Metro Palace Cafe is the third restaurant for Ahmad, who has been in the restaurant business for 25 years. Between him and his manager, Sandy Pritula (the daughter of William Sr. and Catherine Pritula of Romulus), the two have half a century of experience in the food and beverage industry.

"I am very pleased that I made this move to Romulus," said Ahmad, who was drawn here by the city's new growth spurt. "I welcome everyone who loves good, honest, reasonably-priced food served by courteous staff members."

The 46-year-old Ahmad – born and educated in Beirut, Lebanon – has been in the United States for the past 20 years. He, his wife, and their three children reside in Dearborn.

Metro Palace Cafe – located at 36601 Goddard Road – is open daily. Call 734-941-9116 for more information.

Financial Aid Workshop Helps Students and Parents Get Ready for College



Pamela W. Fowler (center), director of financial aid at the University of Michigan, talked with top Romulus High School students Taritonye Burutolu and Leslie Perez about the importance of filing early when applying for scholarships, grants, and loans.

University of Michigan financial aid director Pamela W. Fowler recently presented her annual workshop for Romulus High School's college-bound seniors and their parents. She urged the crowd of approximately 150 attendees to file all their scholarship and aid applications as early as possible because of serious budgetary limitations.

Fowler said that, because the \$68 billion of federal money currently available for grants and loans will not be enough to go around, the funds will be awarded on a first-come/first-served basis. For this reason, students and parents who have not already done so should get in touch with the financial aid director at their college or university of choice right away.

Fowler also explained that the Michigan college deadline of February 18 – one of the earliest in the nation – makes it more important than ever to fill out the electronic version of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form this year.

"The electronic form will be processed within 10 days, whereas the handwritten form sent by mail will take over a month to process," she stated.

According to Fowler, the FAFSA form is used to determine the amount of money that each student's family is

expected to pay toward his/her education, as well as how much financial assistance the student is eligible for. The financial-aid funds include Pell grants (money that does not have to be repaid) in addition to Perkins loans (with 5% interest rates) and Stafford loans (8% interest rates).

Fowler reminded her audience that first-come/first-served strictures apply to other scholarship and aid sources, as well. Colleges, in particular, have only a fixed amount of money to award – and that amount is less than usual this year, in many cases.

Finally, Fowler discussed other sources of financial aid, including need- and merit-based scholarships, work-study programs (both governmental and institutional), and private loans.

For families concerned about repaying school loans and determining how much they can afford to borrow, Fowler cited studies suggesting that college students can handle up to \$20,000 in loan debt. Borrowing such an amount, she said, would require loan payments of \$275 to \$300 per month for a period of 10 years.

Romulus High School's guidance staff welcomes questions about financial aid from students and their parents. For more information, contact John Domas (734-532-1025), Mae Jackson (532-1022), or Jim Orme (532-1023). □

Family Science Night at Wick School



Science specialist Salomé Gebre-Egzjabher (back, second from left) led students and their parents through a variety of experiments during Wick Elementary's Family Science Night, an after-school program supported by the district's 21st Century Grant. Among those in attendance were: (from left) front – Keisa Sterling and Tom Plum (program administrator); middle – Onika Miller, William McGinnis, and Dawan James, Jr.; back – Dawan James, Sr., Lisa Forde, Dane Snowball, and Becky Oleszkowicz.

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(From left) Romulus High School counselor Mae Jackson, Eastern Michigan University athletic compliance official Melanie Rifle, Romulus Schools athletic director Jesse Meriweather, and Western Michigan University's associate vice-president for student affairs, Vern Payne, presented an outstanding information session for student athletes and their parents.

Romulus High School recently welcomed a number of student athletes and their parents for a meeting about athletic scholarships. Melanie Rifle, the athletic compliance official at Eastern Michigan University, and Vern Payne, associate vice-president for student affairs and former basketball star at Western Michigan University, provided the audience with a good deal of important information.

To begin with, Rifle pointed out that, in order to be considered for athletic scholarships, a student athlete must maintain a 2.0 grade point average in a core of 14 classes that includes:

- 4 credits of English,
- 2 credits of math,
- 2 credits of science,
- 2 credits of social studies,
- 3 credits of foreign language and/or philosophy, and
- 1 elective credit in any of the subjects identified above.

She also noted the importance of:

- knowing which RHS courses meet National College Athletic Association (NCAA) requirements,
- taking the required classes in an orderly fashion, and
- keeping track of the grades earned in each class.

WMU's Payne talked to the audience about the long odds of obtaining an athletic scholarship to an NCAA program. For example, he said, there are 157,000 seniors in high-school basketball programs throughout the nation, but only 3,500 of them will receive an NCAA scholarship.

"Athletes should develop a group of sponsoring coaches from summer camps, AAU teams, and their high-school league who can team with their own coach to help with recommendations," Payne advised. He explained that many schools send out letters to prospective athletes, but added, "You will know that you are under serious consid-

eration for a scholarship when you are invited to an all-expenses-paid visit to a college or university."

Payne talked about parents developing a portfolio of video clips showing what their son/daughter can do in his/her particular sport. He also discussed athletic profile companies, which provide "marketing" services for potential scholarships recipients. Such services, he noted, can cost between \$100 and \$500, but can be beneficial under certain circumstances.

Payne then told his own inspiring story of how, at 5'9" and 135 lbs., he managed to get a basketball scholarship to Indiana University and eventually became the school's starter and top player.

He concluded the program by offering his private phone number to the students and parents, and encouraging them to contact him anytime they have questions about the athletic recruiting process.

Romulus Community Schools athletic director Jesse Meriweather and RHS counselor Mae Jackson were also on hand to offer assistance to those who attended the program. □

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Although the Storytime program is free, advance registration is required. Call 734-942-7589. □

Health Awareness

Editor's note: Articles appearing in the column are written by students from Romulus High School teacher Terri Brinston's health-occupations classes.

Healthy Weight Week

By Bethany Hotchkiss

Healthy Weight Week, sponsored by the Healthy Weight Network, was observed January 19–25. It focused on preventing eating disorders and weight problems, and celebrated long-lasting, healthy life-styles.

Although the week was set up to focus on healthy life-styles for everyone, there were two days that stood out:

- January 21 (Rid the World of Fad Diets and Gimmicks Day), and
- January 23 (Women's Healthy Weight Day).

The goal of Healthy Weight Week is to help encourage people to eat well, live actively, and feel good about themselves. It helps people establish health-promoting habits to keep forever. Preventing weight and eating problems is another goal of Healthy Weight Week.

The mission of the Healthy Weight Network is to be "a voice of integrity and insight in a field that has been much abused and neglected." The organization has many associations for eating disorders and size acceptance. Some associations for eating disorders listed on the Healthy Weight Network Website are Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention (EDAP), Anorexia Nervosa and Related Eating Disorders (ANRED), the National Eating Disorder Information Center, the American Anorexia and Bulimia Association, the National Eating Disorders Screening Program, and the Academy for Eating Disorders.

With size acceptance also being an important aspect of the Healthy Weight Network, the following are a few related sites listed on the Website: the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance (NAAFA), Big Beautiful Women (BBW), and the Council on Size and Weight Discrimination.

More information on these organizations and associations can be found at www.healthyweightnetwork.com. These organizations would be very helpful to people struggling with eating disorders or size acceptance.

I feel that the Healthy Weight Network and Healthy Weight Week are good, positive ways to get people to focus on healthy habits and life-styles rather than dieting, binge eating, and the "perfect" size. The Healthy Weight Network has a philosophy called Health at Any Size. According to them, eating well, living actively, and feeling good about oneself and others is what health at any size is based on. I feel that self-confidence and

respect are also key qualities to have in order to lead a healthy life-style.

Healthy Weight Week fell at the perfect time in relation to the health occupations class; we recently put together a cookbook called *Food at Your Fingertips*. The cookbook is a great example of eating in moderation. It has many different recipes; some are healthy, and some are not. The great thing about eating in moderation is that you can have your sweets and not-so-healthy foods just as long as you don't eat too much and don't eat them all the time. The recipes that make up *Food at Your Fingertips* come from people within the community, students, district staff members, and "The Eagles Nest" restaurant in Romulus High School. *Food at Your Fingertips* can be purchased at the High School for \$6.99.

If eating well, living actively, and feeling good about oneself and others are all the basics of leading a healthy life-style, why wouldn't someone want to be a part of it? Share the health. Join the Healthy Weight Network by pursuing Healthy Weight Week's goals every week of the year.

Safe Toys & Gifts Month

By Tiffany Smith

Each year, the National Safe Kids Campaign declares December as the month for safe toys and gifts. The campaign persuades all manufacturers and consumers to make and purchase age-appropriate toys and gifts for children.

The goal of the National Safe Kids Campaign is to keep children of all ages safe from harmful toys. According to the campaign, more than 118,000 American children, aged 14 and under, were treated for toy-related injuries in 1999, resulting in 16 deaths. The injuries ranged from falls off of riding toys, such as wagons and bicycles, to choking on small toy pieces. The campaign has also called for all toy manufacturers to put warning labels on certain toys with small parts and to create toys made especially for children under 3.

I feel that the campaign is doing a good job, trying to keep young children safe from toys that could lead to potential danger. During the holiday season, especially, many people purchase toys without actually investigating the product thoroughly enough to see if it's safe for the child they are buying it for.

Our recent Child CPR and Assisting a Resident Who Falls units relate to this observance because, as mentioned before, many of the children's injuries were from falling or choking. These two skills that I have learned in health occupations could be tremendously useful if I ever have to assist a child that has been injured by toys. □

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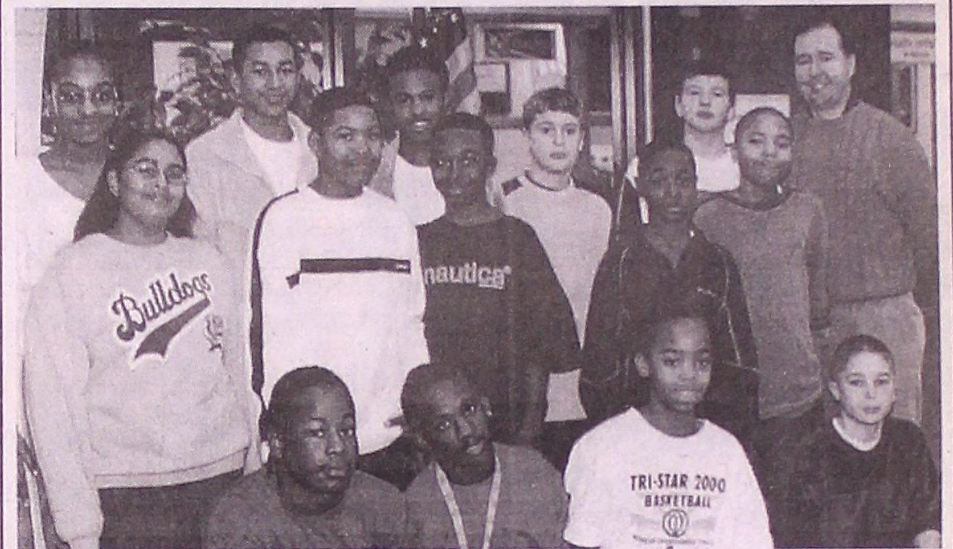
Community Calendar

- **Adult Ed Registration** – Late registrations will be accepted until Tuesday, February 11, for GED preparation and high-school completion classes offered by Romulus/Van Buren Adult Education. Classes available include Introduction to Computers and Microsoft 2000, Medical First Responder, Auto Technology Lab, and more. To late register and *immediately* begin attending classes, stop in at the Adult Ed office (located in the Mt. Pleasant Center on Hannan Road) during its normal business hours (8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.), or attend evening registration in the main office at Romulus High School (located at 9650 South Wayne Road, north of I-94) on Tuesday or Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 734-532-1953.
- **Open Swimming** – Open swimming will be offered at Romulus High School's new pool complex (located at 9650 South Wayne Road, just north of I-94) from 6 to 8:30 p.m. according to the following schedule: **Adults Only** (Mondays), **Seniors (age 60+) Only** (Tuesdays), **Teens (ages 13-17) Only** (Wednesdays), and **Family Swimming** (Fridays). To participate, all swimmers *must* preregister at the Romulus Adult and Community Education Office, located at 39000 Superior. Cost for residents is \$3 per session (\$2 for senior citizens) or \$60 for an all-year pass (\$40 for senior citizens). Family passes – a real bargain! – are available to Romulus residents for just \$100 per year. For more information, call 734-532-1956.
- **AAU Basketball Tryouts** – The Future Youth Travel Basketball Team is looking for seventh- and eighth-grade boys (ages 13-14) interested in playing in tournaments. Tryouts will be held at Romulus Elementary School (located at 32200 Beverly Road) on February 7, 14, and 28 according to the following schedule: last names beginning with A-K, 4 to 6 p.m.; last names beginning with L-Z, 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. (Note: Students are asked to arrive at least 10 minutes before their scheduled tryout time.) For more information, or to obtain a registration form, call Coach Green at 734-941-2057.
- **SCORE Workshop: How to Write a Business Plan** – Open to starting-up and existing businesses, this SCORE workshop, instructed by Speed Gant, will be offered, free of charge, in the conference room at the Belleville Chamber of Commerce (located at 248 Main Street) at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 13. Due to limited space, preregistration is required. For more information, call 734-697-7151 or e-mail bellevillech@provide.net.
- **Legislative Breakfast with State Representatives LaJoy and Law** – The Belleville Chamber of Commerce is inviting the public to attend a Legislative Breakfast with state representatives Phillip LaJoy and Kathleen Law at the Belleville Grille (located on High Street) on Wednesday, February 19, at 7:30 a.m. Cost for the full breakfast buffet is \$10/person. Reservations (required by Monday, February 17) may be made by calling 734-697-7151 or e-mailing bellevillech@provide.net.
- **Historical Society Welcomes New Members** – The Romulus Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting on February 19) at the Romulus Historical Museum (on Hunt St. next to the Post Office). New members are welcome.
- **Healthy Living Committee** – The Romulus Healthy Living Committee will meet at Romulus Adolescent Health Center in Romulus High School (located at 9650 South Wayne Road, just north of I-94) from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 20. For more information, please call Diane Vidovic, RAHC director, at 734-941-1400.
- **Belleville Chamber's Annual Auction** – The Belleville Chamber of Commerce invites the public to attend its annual auction to support the Chamber's building fund. The event, with its Mardi Gras theme, will feature entertainment by the Machine Gun Kelly Band and a dinner buffet with beer, wine, and soft drinks. Cost is \$40 per person. (A cash bar will be available.) The deadline for reservations is Friday, February 21. For more information, call 734-697-7151 or e-mail bellevillech@provide.net.
- **Mother's Morning Out** – Ball Road Tabernacle invites you to drop off your children (ages 2 to 5) for a program of play time, stories, crafts, and lunch, while you enjoy a morning free to run errands. The service is available at the church (located on the corner of Ecorse and Ball roads, west of Merriman) each Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 734-722-9638.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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7th-grade Boys' Basketball Team Finishes Undefeated



Members of the undefeated Romulus Middle School boys' basketball team included: (from left) front – Jajuan Whitlow, Donzell Carter, Darius Ross, and Thomas Slatinsky; middle – manager Amna Sheikh, Larry Horne, Lance Rusan, Xavier Alexander, and Mantez Wooden; back – manager Yetty Emanuel, Dominique Buckley, Justin Price, Steve Hawes, Ed Hoffman, and coach Dan McCabe. (Not pictured: Arnold Littell.)

Dan McCabe, coach of the seventh-grade boys' basketball team at Romulus Middle School, had nothing but praise for his players at the close of their undefeated season.

"Our team had an excellent year thanks to a unique combination of great kids and unbelievable talent," he stated. "As an added bonus, they were also extremely unselfish and had a terrific work ethic."

According to McCabe, this year's team was led by Dominique Buckley.

"His unselfishness during games and his work ethic during practice set the tone for our whole team," he noted.

Defensively, Jajuan Whitlow, Justin Price, and Donzell Carter led the Bulldogs' man-to-man defense. Larry Horne also provided great play for the team.

"Obviously, I am very happy with our 9-0 record," said McCabe, "but,

more than that, I am proud of the way we won. We usually had about 10 guys scoring per game, and we played solid, fundamental basketball.

"Starting with a swarming man-to-man defense, we carried the fundamentals over to the offensive side as well," he continued. "We set screens, went back-door, dished to the open man, and ran when the opportunity was there. In sum, we played great basketball."

McCabe also expressed pride in his team's attitude.

"Besides working extremely hard, they did not 'trash talk' or let their success get into their heads and change their style of play," he explained.

Coach McCabe said that, at the beginning of the year, he challenged the team to not only live up to Romulus's great basketball history, but to carry that tradition into their lives off the floor. □

Local Chamber of Commerce To Host Silent Auction/Wine Tasting/Dinner

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its fourth annual Silent Auction and Wine-tasting Dinner on Friday, February 14. The event is being held at the Doubletree Hotel, located at 31500 Wick Road.

The evening will begin at 6:15 p.m. with viewing and bidding on auction items. A four-course gourmet meal, with a wine chosen to complement each entree, will be served at 7:15 p.m. Following dinner, guests will have another opportunity to make final bids on items before announcement of the winners.

The Silent Auction and Wine-tasting Dinner is open to the public. Tickets – \$30/person – may be ordered by calling the Chamber of Commerce office (734-326-4290) during its regular business hours (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.). The deadline for ordering tickets is Monday, February 10. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The Silent Auction and Wine-tasting Dinner is one of two fund-raising events hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds from the event assist the Chamber in program development and promotion of business in the Greater Romulus area. □

ATTENTION: FUTURE KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

If your child was four years old by December 1, 2002, he/she will be eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2003. The Romulus school district offers both full-day/every-day and half-day/every-day kindergarten programs.

Please review the options below and fill out the parent advisory form. You can turn in this form during the annual Kindergarten Roundup on Tuesday, February 18, or any time thereafter at your area elementary school. Please also be aware that the all-day/every-day program is available on a first-come/first-served basis, and that child-care services are available for the half-day students.

Your area elementary school will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Roundup Day to allow you ample time to fill out the necessary documents for kindergarten registration. Later in the spring, each kindergarten family will be receiving special pre-kindergarten learning materials.

We look forward to having your child in our exciting kindergarten program next year. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact your area elementary school any school day between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Telephone numbers for these schools are: Barth (734-532-1250), Cory (532-1300), Halecreek (532-1350), Merriman (532-1400), Romulus (532-1450), and Wick (532-1500).

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PARENT REQUEST FORM FOR 2003 KINDERGARTEN



DATE RECEIVED (office use only) _____

I (Parent or Legal Guardian) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

am enrolling my child _____

in the Romulus School District's kindergarten program for the 2003 – 2004 school year. I understand that my child must be 5 years of age by December 1, 2003 in order to be eligible. I would prefer:

_____ A. All-day / every-day kindergarten

_____ B. 1/2-day / every-day kindergarten

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Students Learn by Working Together

Kindergartners at Halecreek Elementary School are working together in partnership groups to solve problems and complete tasks through a number of creative learning activities. In the pictures below, for instance, the children are rolling number dice, counting out the number on the face

of each, and then adding the numbers together.

"This activity helps children understand how addition works by putting things together," said teacher Cathy Kudra. "Kindergarten children often learn by becoming actively involved in their learning experiences."



Robert Lands and Emily Turner worked together to count out and add sets of jewels.



Dakota Tarczynski (left) counted out and added sets of sports balls with partner Ronald Smouthers.



Marissa Pytel (left) and Shelby Mitchell counted out sets of pogs to add together.

Romulus School District Hosts Annual Kindergarten Roundup



These students from the Michigan School Readiness Program (from left: front – Jesse Skonieczny, Chelsi Hillard, Samantha Mobley, Xcentric Samules, Logan Gregg, and Jamari Howard; back – Teresa Ward, Jermani Hawkins, Daniel Wojciechowski, Antonio Mingo, Ashley Alexander, Kevonté Simmons, and Malik Wilson) are among the many four-year-olds looking forward to attending the Romulus Community Schools' kindergarten program this fall. The district will again be offering both half-day/every-day and all-day/every-day classes.

Parents of children who were four years old on December 1, 2002, are urged to attend the Romulus Community Schools' annual Kindergarten Roundup, to be held at each of the district's six elementaries on Tuesday, February 18, from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The program gives parents an opportunity to fill out all necessary application forms, as well as to choose between half-day/every-day and all-day/every-day classes.

"The district's new all-day/every-day kindergarten program has proven very popular and successful," noted spokesperson Dick Kruse. "It will be offered on a first-come/first-served basis at each

of our elementary schools again this fall, along with our half-day program."

Kruse also noted that all families participating in the roundup will receive special pre-kindergarten learning materials later this spring to help their child get ready for school.

Residents are asked to share information about Kindergarten Roundup with the families of possible candidates. Parents of soon-to-be kindergartners should contact the elementary school in their neighborhood's attendance area for additional information concerning the program. (For further details, please see the ad on the opposite page.) □

Home of the Past Hosts History Lesson



Halecreek Elementary School's kindergartners got an informative peek into Romulus's past when local museum director Pearl Varner (back, right) gave them a tour of historic Samuel R. Kingsley house.

NCA Visits Romulus School District



Kathy Sergeant (center), a representative of the North Central Association (NCA) accreditation agency, recently paid a visit to Wick Elementary principal Debbie Juriga (who is also the head of the Romulus Community Schools' NCA accreditation team) and curriculum director Tom Dolan. The Romulus school district is currently in the second year of its five-year "transitions" accreditation for all district schools.

Grant Funds After-school Tutoring



(From left) Sam Bonam gives after-school homework help to Boys & Girls Club members London Brown and Marquel Small at the club's Wick Elementary School site. Bonam's work with the students is funded by a 3-year, \$336,000 Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration (CSRD) grant that was written by Romulus Community Schools curriculum director Tom Dolan.

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 13, 2003

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, January 13, 2003, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Acting President Betty Lenossi.

Roll call showed all Board members present. Administrators Joel R. Carr, Edward Clark, William Routhier, and Tom Dolan were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Acting President Lenossi.

The Board conducted interviews of candidates seeking appointment to the vacancy on the Board of Education.

Recess at 6:25 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was reconvened by Acting President Lenossi at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1/03/1 Moved by Frayer supported by Buckley to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1/03/2 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer to approve the Minutes of December 9, 2002, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: David Cooper, Engineering Design/CAD/Robotics Teacher, High School, Effective January 14, 2003; and Carol Wolan, School Nurse, Special Services, Effective January 2, 2003.

1/03/3 Moved by Woods supported by Buckley to accept the employment of personnel as submitted by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT: Nancy Schonscheck, Warehouse Delivery Person, Board Office, Effective January 1, 2003; and Sylvia Thompson, Computer Technician, High School, Effective January 1, 2003.

EMPLOYMENT - FYI: Heidi Damron, A.M. Kindergarten Aide, Merriman Elementary, Effective January 2, 2003.

RESIGNATION - FYI: Brenda Anderson, Paraprofessional, Halecreek Elementary, Effective December 20, 2003.

The Board of Education presented a resolution to Mr. Billy McCraight for his service and dedication to Romulus Community Schools as a School Board member.

Bills for Payment

1/03/4 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Presentation - Healthy Living - Sheila Stasak

Ms. Sheila Stasak and Ms. Diane Vidovic presented an overview of the goals and objectives of the Healthy Living classes taught in the Romulus school district.

1/03/5 Moved by Frayer supported by Buckley to approve the HIV curriculum - Worth the Wait - as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Miss Jessica Mills, Middle School student, appeared before the Board concerned about students being requested to report to Advisory five minutes early. Mrs. Knight and students from Romulus High School appeared before the Board and shared copies of books that were written and illustrated by High School students in conjunction with Wick Elementary School students. Presentations to be made by telecommunications across the district January 14, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Baker appeared before the Board of Education with concerns of discipline procedure at Romulus High School. Mr. Charles Hively appeared concerned about sidewalks at the High School and them being higher than the road. He further expressed concern about snow removal and clearance being made so that students could walk safely to the High School. Ms. Dawn Smith appeared before the Board, questioning whether the High School incident had been cleared. Ms. Susan Brewington appeared before the Board with regard to students being allowed to test out of math.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Study links adverse effects with high-stakes testing; 2) St. Aloysius field trip - February 14-16, 2003 - Spring Hill Camp in Evart, Michigan; 3) "No Child Left Behind" meeting - January 15, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.; 4) Inside School News; 5) News article - Michigan must define what schools expect kids to learn; 6) Thank you - Marva Hatcher - Linda Maich; 7) Student of the Month - RHS; 8) Thank you - Wick Family Bingo Night; 9) Thank you - Vera Otis - Mary Albus; 10) Cory Elementary Newsletter; 11) Barth Elementary Newsletter; and 12) MAB calendars.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Cheryle Buckley asked about taping of Board meetings. Next meeting scheduled to be taped.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1/03/6 Moved by Woods supported by Frayer that the Board of Education convene into Executive Session. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened into Executive Session at 8:06 p.m.

1/03/7 Moved by Woods supported by Frayer that the Board of Education reconvene into Regular Session. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 8:48 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER:

1/03/8 Moved by Woods supported by Frayer that Niema White be appointed to fill the vacancy of Board trustee. Ayes: Woods, Frayer, Buckley, and Lenossi. Nays: Mientkiewicz and Roscoe. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

1/03/9 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Buckley that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryle Buckley, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Romulus Students Recognized for Academics, Attendance

Congratulations to the following Romulus Community Schools students, whose hard work and dedication earned them a spot on the honor roll and/or perfect-attendance list for the second marking period of the 2002-2003 school year.

Barth Elementary

ALL A's

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Jennifer Sylvester.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Kline

Kelly Kovacs, Brianna Shreve, and Sheila Watts.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Napolitano

Breana Keels, John Lewkowicz, and Sheila Reeves.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Baty

Derek Bennett and Samantha Watson.

Mr. Legg's Class

Brittany Turner and Derrick White.

HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Aprell Arthur, Katelynn Buyer, Spencer DeFelice, and Hailie Laginess.

Fourth Grade – Mr. Jastrzab

Caitlyn Britz, Robert Hayes, Courtnee Johnson, Jesse McGrane, and Kelsey Sharrow.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Kline

Alexandra Amolsch, Brooklyn Isbell, Michael Lovelady, Malcolm Martin, Tiffany Nerone, Kelly Ragey, Shawn Reeves, Chris Reyna, Jesse Sanden, Daijah Street, and LaSadie White.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Napolitano

Timothy Graves, Erica Hayes, Okisha Roberts, and Brittany Wilkewitz.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Baty

Michael Connolly, Emily Doyle, Kelsey Hadyniak, Chelsea Hay, Brandyn Martin, Cheyenne Oakley, and Maryann Watts.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Blackburn

Samantha Bankey, David Forbush, Shelby Green, Tanesha Hill-Harris, Katie Koester, Brittany Rodgers, Holly Schonscheck, Jessica Sylvester, Adam Thornsbury, Chelsea Tyree, Kanaya Williams, and Spencer Winter.

Mr. Legg's Class

LaTrese Buck, Frances Haener, and LaQuita Paschal.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Aprell Arthur, Jacob Heil, Aaron Myles, and Justin Sawdy.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Kline

Joshua Kennedy, Joshua Mahon, Malcolm Martin, and Tiffany Nerone.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Blackburn

Derrick Baker, Tanesha Hill-Harris, Mariah Johnson, and Jory King.

Mr. Legg's Class

Frances Haener.

Cory Elementary

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Third Grade – Ms. Watson

Janelle Carter.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. D. Pluff

Briana Glenn and DuJuan Partee.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Price

Jonathon Stone.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Commander

Caitlyn Lefler, Destiny Swanigan, and Brooke Tanner.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Roberts

Kristal Wegrzyn.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange

Cody Barnes, Rodney Cofield, Melissa DuFore, Nicole Siemaszko, and Kaela Torres.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Miller

Christine Amis and Meriah Chapman.

HONOR ROLL

Third Grade – Ms. Hartman

Jordan Ditsch, Devin Genter, Kayte Nickel, Nakeya Pinkston, Breanna Pope, and DeAndre Thompson.

Third Grade – Ms. Watson

Chyanne Ballard, Andrianna Barden, Jacob Cater, Shawnta Hamby, Steven Pratt, Azia Riley, and Courtney Thomas.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. D. Pluff

Luke Blum, Cailyn Mines, Bianca Robinson, Dairrein Searcy, Kaessi Torres, Ronald Whitehead, and Zachary Williams.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Price

Valerie Crawford, Tiffany Cummings, Brittany Glenn, Brittini Hillard, Zoatta Hogan, Benjamin Hojnowski, Heather Mason, Chelsea Thomas, and Onja'Leese Warren.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Commander

Motunola Emanuel, Ashley Fowler, Ammie Gordan, Briana Jones, Charlena Mabry, Shauree Reed, Emmanuel Sanders, and Amber Sears.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Roberts

Mahelia Benjamin, Ceara Franklin, Domonique Holmes, Kierstyn Slatinsky, and Nadia Watson.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange

Michael Allen, DiChelle Freeman, Melissa Groce, Niema Harvey, Raymond Kraft, Alexis Riley, and Cicely Shaw.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Miller

Nicholas Curry, Kenneth Davis, David Ellis, Abiola Emanuel, Justin Hartman, Donnavin Searcy, Cedric Staples, and Loren Townes.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten – Mrs. Brennan

Luke Hojnowski, Sarah Marsh, and Natavia Mitchell.

First Grade – Ms. Garza

Gary Logerstedt and Gabrielle Miller.

First Grade – Ms. K. Pluff

Briana Bohannon and Denver Hojnowski.

Second Grade – Mrs. Askew

Alizé Buler, Sydné Higginbotham, Joseph Marsh, and Gregory Tanner.

Second Grade – Mrs. McGlynn

Macee Logerstedt and Neelegé Watson.

Third Grade – Ms. Hartman

Taque Courtland and Nakeem Lightsey.

Third Grade – Ms. Watson

Andrianna Barden, Janelle Carter, Franchella Foreman, Shawnta Hamby, Mark Hughes, Matthew Mitchell-Green, Habibah Njiaju, Courtney Thomas, and Emily Toby.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. D. Pluff

Evelyn Blackmon, Khalil Hamilton, and Norman Lightsey.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Price

Angelique Blackmon, Kyra Crawford, Tiffany Cummings, Da'Jalon Ellis, Brittini Hillard, Heather Mason, and Onja'Leese Warren.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Commander

Charlena Mabry, Shauree Reed, Amber Sears, Destiny Swanigan, and Brooke Tanner.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Roberts

Jasmine Harris, Mercedes Hawes, Domonique Holmes, and Aaron Little.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange

Rodney Cofield, Melissa DuFore, Ronald Kersey, Raymond Kraft, Alexis Riley, and Nicole Siemaszko.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Miller

Christine Amis, Meriah Chapman, and Michelle Grier.

Halecreek Elementary

HONOR ROLL

Fifth Grade

Corey Arnett-Butscher, Dimitrius Clark, Phillip Crook, Haley Davis, Christian Dodge, Tamara Garrison, Tierra Garrison, Sierra Gilmore, Jazmyn Jones, Kaylynn LaBean, Kristin Lawson, Brittany Little, Daniel Lucaj, Danielle Lucaj, Chelsea McDiarmid, Ryan McLachlan, Kristina Mercier, Alysha Rec, Jordyn Sherbrook, Michael Turner, and Desiree Watt.

Sixth Grade

Olivia Boler, Filmore Bouldes, Britany Charleston, Melissa Clay, Arianna Diebel, Brianna Grover, Ashlee Hood, Michal Isaacs, Derek Kinney, Michael Lammers, James McGlynn, Cody Mortz-

field, Candace Poet, Justin Poet, and Breonn Stephens.

Merriman Elementary

HIGH HONORS

Third Grade – Mrs. Doane

Jacob Segur, Cierra Toliver, and Nathan Wilkerson.

Third Grade – Mrs. Graham

Ryan Beesley, Najea Brown, Sarena Dillon, and Sadie Trammell.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch

Danielle Doyle.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Misiak

Seth Urban.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Blake

Zachary Toilolo.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Lhiva

Kazam Sheikh and Ciara Turner.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Austin

Emily Davis and Narjis Sheikh.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Bradlee

Timothy Dalton.

HONOR ROLL

Third Grade – Mrs. Doane

Joshlyn Booth, Laura Corpe, Tayneisha Eaton, Eric Lightsey, Shavontae Melchor, Jasmine Mouzon, Jacob Segur, Cierra Toliver, Nathan Wilkerson, and Corey Wilson.

Third Grade – Mrs. Graham

Jason Cooke-Thomason, Corey Davis, Jalen James, Grace Jendritz, Jennifer Lukas, Alisha Menser, Rayven Rodgers, and Jennifer Workman.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch

Brandon Harris, Olivia Madison, Lucas Molic, Eric Radford, and Kyle Thompson.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Misiak

Rion Bell, Kara Delay, Ryan Genigeski, Justice Givhan, Michael Harrington, Breanna Kelly, Nantara Sheikh, Aaminah Siddiqui, and Britani Strickland.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Blake

Courtney Blakeney, Charelle Brewer, Victoria Chatmon, Shelby Cholette, Demetri Clanton, Corinthia Clayton, Brandon Condon, Aaron Dismuke, Chance Dunigan, Mary Kelly, Ashley Linne, Ashley Strickland, Cody Szostek, and Robert Taylor.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Lhiva

Raquel Bovee, LeVan Card, Kelly DeFrank, Semaja Ford, Shainaya Heard, Holly Henry, Scottie Snook, and Trina Thomas.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Austin

Roderick Barksdale, Jamie Brewer, Toni Cross, Jordan Farmer, Ashley Green, Tiara Green, Ashley Knick, Rashaun Lightsey, and Stephen Williams.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Bradlee

Jazmine Bass, Dylan Boyd, Kevin Brown, Raheem Brown, Lindsey Cobb, Valdez Green, Melissa Griffith, Donnell Jones, Karlie Potts, Amanda Roehrich, Steven Strickland, Preciounea Thompson, Alise Whalen, and Caresse Wilson.

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Romulus Students Recognized for Superior Academics, Attendance

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BUG (BRINGING UP GRADES) ROLL

First Grade – Mrs. Goulette

Dominique Bell and Charles Roach.

First Grade – Ms. Knight

Nickolas Bovitz, Matthew Freeman, Brelyn Mecks, Deshawn Pickett, and Rashid Siddiqui.

Second Grade – Ms. Prisco

Gwendolyn Block, Amonte Clayton, Nikhil Flores, India Graham, Tariq Hadin, Jasmine Harrington, MarShawn Hunt, D'Marco Hunter, Alexis McGraw, Rebecca Nowicki, Sierra Straughter, and Caniya Wilson.

Second Grade – Mrs. Terwilliger

Jason Card-Westley, Jordan Genigeski, Janette Gula, Joshua Harris, Tikia Houston, Martaze Mathews, Kee'Ron O'Neal, Ashley Robinson, Rabia Sheikh, Kyle Stevens, Anthony Wiggins, Chris Williams, and Mercedes Williams.

Third Grade – Mrs. Doane

Cody Harris, Jasmine Mouzon, Jacob Segur, Shaina Smith, Nathan Wilkerson, and Corey Wilson.

Third Grade – Mrs. Graham

Amy Best, Gabrielle Bradley, Najea Brown, Corey Davis, Sarena Dillon, Jalen James, Alexis Siemaszko, Sadie Trammel, Marquese Williams, and Jennifer Workman.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch

Brittany Farmer, Brandon Harris, Lucas Molic, Maurice Murphy, Kyle Thompson, Steven Trent, Ishaya Vanover, Dominique Walker, Natasha White, and Carvin Williams.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Misiak

Rion Bell, Deonta Delaney, Kara Delay, Dominique Ellis-Dorr, Michael Harrington, Jeffie Johnson, Breaonna Kelly, Tyler Manier, and Britani Strickland.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Blake

Victoria Chatmon, Shelby Cholette, Brandon Condron, Mary Kelly, Ashley Linne, and Jeremy Wilson.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Lhiva

Nate Bolduc, Ondrea Caldwell, Shaquille Collins, Jonathan Harris, Jerry Hickman, Derrick Hunt, Shakiah Ready, Chanel Smith, and Henry Young.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Austin

Armintha Nelson and Sharonda Vesey.

ADMIRABLE ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten – Mrs. Ash

Jasmine Harkins, Kathryn Roehrich, Bianca Tabb, Brandon Vaughan, and Malik Yeaman.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Smith

Akira Battle, Ashleigh Blair, Anthony Cooks, Jarell Crawford, Marell Hayes, Cody Howington, Victoria Lewis, Brooklyn Martinez, Elwin Ready, De'Janice Rush, and Erasmo Sanchez.

First Grade – Mrs. Goulette

Timothy Booth, Sammy Gulley, Tor-necia Jones, Sarah Knick, Marcus Madison, William Melchor, Chandler Smith, and Deven Thompson.

First Grade – Ms. Knight

Malik Carter, Malaysia Hayes, Brelyn Mecks, Kayla Menser, Keyshawn Pope, Rehman Sheikh, Rashid Siddiqui, Shanya Sturdivant, and Drew Wilkerson.

Second Grade – Ms. Prisco

India Best, Keri Chafins, Tariq Hadin, Ivonne Lewis, Rebecca Nowicki, Courtney Thompson, and Caniya Wilson.

Second Grade – Mrs. Terwilliger

Jason Card-Westley, Jordan Genigeski, Domonic Pena, Ashley Robinson, Rabia Sheikh, and Kyle Stevens.

Third Grade – Mrs. Doane

Dazmen Battle, Joshlyn Booth, Amber Bussell, Eric Lightsey, Shavontae Melchor, Jacob Segur, Nicholas Shotwell, Shaina Smith, Nathan Wilkerson, and Corey Wilson.

Third Grade – Mrs. Graham

Gabrielle Bradley, Jalen James, Kendall Kirkland, Jennifer Lukas, Alec Madison, Alisha Menser, and Rayven Rodgers.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch

Natasia Campbell, Karen Cline, Olivia Madison, Cameron Sheikh, Kyle Thompson, Veonica Trammell, and Carvin Williams.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Misiak

Deonta Delaney, Kara Delay, Ryan Genigeski, Alesha Howington, Jeffie Johnson, Breaonna Kelly, Devonte Nelson, Nantara Sheikh, and Seth Urban.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Blake

Aaron Dismuke, Chance Dunigan, Mary Kelly, Josh Martinez, Devonte Rush, and Joshua Williams-Banks.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Lhiva

Levan Card, Kelly DeFrank, Semaja Ford, Jonathan Harris, Shainaya Heard, Holly Henry, Damion Hunter, Shakiah Ready, Kazam Sheikh, and Scottie Shook.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Austin

Toni Cross, Emily Davis, Tiara Green, TiShawn Jackson, Ashley Knick, Rae-Shawn Lightsey, Armintha Nelson, Narjis Sheikh, Sharonda Vesey, and Stephen Williams.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Bradley

Jazmine Bass, Adrian Brewer, Kevin Brown, Raheem Brown, Timothy Dalton, Valdez Green, Donnell Jones, Darien Mecks, Alise Whalen, and Lakeisha Williams.

Romulus Elementary

ALL A's

Fourth Grade

Keli Boyd.

Sixth Grade

Gary Nemeth, Sam Wells, Amanda Zavitz, and Mariah Zockheem.

HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade

James Boler, Cali Burks, Brittany Francis, Daijon Frazier, Alexandria Harrington, Victoria Johnson, Victoria Taylor, and Adriana Williams.

Fifth Grade

Brittany Blackburn, Ajah Brown, Jonathon Carr, Pamie Fortson, Julie Kopenhafer, Brandon LaPrise, Ashley Linnert, Da'Ron Marks-Ford, Cassie Rice, Nathan Rice, Cherra Ross, Geridan St. Peter, Jack Storms, Amanda Tucker, Richard Vaughn, and Amber White.

Sixth Grade

Jasmine Calloway, Markis Darden, Charlie Frye, Christina Gillespie, Christopher Krietner, Juanita Rose, Dominique Ross, Kareem Seifuddin, and Nigerrea Simpson.

Mrs. Watkins's Class

Alex Cary, Don Davis, Gary Hemmingway, Brandon Kelly, and Dane Snowball.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten

Ke-Airra Baker, Alexis Burrell, Brianna Madison, Abigail Nemeth, Carl Pierce, Tenaya South, Megan Swangrim, Kiara Thompson, and Jessica Wang.

First Grade

Elanta Bradford, Damon Groh, Jasmine Harman, Ticora Harris, Ashleigh Kendrick, Karyna Smith, and Javonna Williams.

Second Grade

Jaylin Gregory, Nicholas Kreitner, Heather Nefsey, Racheal Soard, Daniel Stamp, Destiny Terry, Joshua Thornton, and Keith Zavitz.

Third Grade

Jenafir Kennedy, Brazton Maillette, Kevin Makela, Symone Martin, James Newbill, Andrea Ross, Chelsea Smith, Dustin Stamp, and Eric Trout.

Fourth Grade

Keli Boyd, Stephon Edwards, Brittany Francis, Doren Garcia, Bryant Hicks, Julian Johnson, Candice Reid, DeOntea Russel, Damisha Spann, Victoria Taylor, and Adrianna Williams.

Fifth Grade

Jeremy Cunningham, Thad Gibson, Ashley Linnert, Da'Ron Marks-Ford, Zachary Nastel, Brian Sharpley, Scott Terry, and Amanda Tucker.

Sixth Grade

Avonte Burrell, Jasmine Calloway, Jessica Cronk, Jordan Harris, Aaron Marion, Felicia Martin, John Mundy, Antoine Patterson, Michelle Rhodes, Bridget Sands, Alvita Shack, Nigerrea Simpson, Martel Smith, Megan Watson, Amanda Zavitz, and Mariah Zockheem.

Mrs. Watkins's Class

Brandon Kelly and David Kelly.

Wick Elementary

ALL A's

Third Grade – Mrs. Albus

Caleb Hare and Aaron Hicks.

Third Grade – Mrs. Zeleji

Cierra Gasser, Desiree Kassa, Jerry McCray, and Jonathan Proctor.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Barnes

Michael Howell and Carman Plank.

Fourth Grade – Mr. Haselschwerdt

Loren Adams and Haleigh Baval.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Johnson

Brianna Boyd, Diamond Chandler, Anthony James, and Eric Wands.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Alguire

Elea'ele Buford and Stuart Naire more.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Zach Beregsasy, Seth Gasser, Jason Moore, and Ashley Wagle.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Richard

Levi Adams.

HONOR ROLL

Third Grade – Mrs. Albus

Clifton Boddie, Erik Brantley, Aaliyah Eatmon, Pajenai Eubanks, Ronald Johnson, Olivia Mattox, William McGinnis, Jaylen Morgan, Kaylan Robb, and Winter Turner.

Third Grade – Mrs. Zeleji

Elexus Lee, Kyah Riley, Joshua Shellman, Earl Smith, and Andre Thomas.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Barnes

Renisha Chandler, Dylan Dotson, Kaci Hall, Domonique Johnson, Lauren Johnson, Kadijah Jones, Jonathan Ketzner, Shealyn Melville, Bryan Moore, Antonique Mosley, Jeffrey Robertson, Bre'Ana West, and Shelby Woolford.

Fourth Grade – Mr. Haselschwerdt

Robert Blanton, Junaé Harville, Michael Legion, Raven Parnell, Amanda Richards, Chelsea Roper, Robert Snyder, Amanda Wagle, Stephanie Watley, Jazmine Williams, and Malika Young.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Johnson

Natalia Brown, Talen Brown, Ben Camilleri, Richard Evanski, Devon Jacquay, Jaiana Powers, and Tiara Woody.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Alguire

Holly Atchley, Javonte Belcher, Beatrice Boyd, DeAndray Buckley, LeAnne Dawson, Steven Destrampe, Taylor Johnson, Brandi Mitchell, Alec Staten, and Ashley Watley.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Kenric Bond, Steven Bray, Martel Ellis, Sheldon Gage, Chelden Gober, Briyanna Hall, Alex Hicks-Gregory, Ayonna Lawrence, Chelsea Price, and Ashlee Wade.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Redmond

Jasmine Abney, Tina Carter, Anisha Eldridge, Travis Griffin, Hailey Mangrum, Tamica Mosley, Asia Moton, Bryon Paisley, Mikayla Pastor, Lexiss Perkins, and Miranda Snyder.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Richard

Brad Burcroff, Krystal Burrell, Ericka Herren, Kyara Lee, Dorian Lewis, Edwin Lewis, Alisha Moon, Jasmon Morris-Harris, Latrice Parnell, Rashad Smith, and Makayla Williams.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten – Mrs. Wood

Shaniora Buford.

First Grade – Miss Forth

Rachel Leonard and Daniel Stoian.

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Romulus Students Recognized

continued from page 12

First Grade – Mrs. Otis

Bianca Buckley, Taylor Morgan, and Milo Pasley.

Second Grade – Mrs. Markavich

Dwayne Lately.

Second Grade – Ms. Williams

Shauntice Booth, Danielle Davis, Jeremy Horne, Asia Lately, Destiny Lytle, and Jada Rachal.

Third Grade – Mrs. Albus

William McGinnis, Samantha Modrzyński, and Jaylen Morgan.

Third Grade – Mrs. Zeleji

Elexus Lee.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Barnes

Kaci Hall, Carman Plank, and Jeffrey Robertson.

Fourth Grade – Mr. Haselschwerdt

Brandon Brown, Junaé Harville, Amanda Richards, Stephanie Watley, and Jazmine Williams.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Johnson

Brianna Boyd, Benjamin Camilleri, and Diamond Chandler.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Alguire

Beatrice Boyd, DeAndray Buckley, Trevell Campbell, Antonio James, Jamarco Stephens, Marcus Trent, and Ashley Watley.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Kevin Bray, Steven Bray, Marcus Davis, Sheldon Gage, Kyana Lee, and Mark Trent.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Redmond

Jasmine Abney, Keith Burrell, and Asia Moton.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Richard

DeAndre Brewer, Daniel Davis, Kyara Lee, and Raven Robertson.

Romulus Middle School

ALL A's

Seventh Grade

Heather Baval, Carmen Collie, Matthew Destrampe, Kristen Dubisky, Chelsea Earby, Kristin Leigh, Leanna Pioli, Kyle Sherwood, and Tranay Tanner.

Eighth Grade

Jennifer Dick, Jessica Dick, Jessica James, Aurielle McCauley, Jessica Mills, and Mariay Watt.

HONOR ROLL

Seventh Grade

Rachel Arthur, Cody Bailey, Antoine Baines, Michael Behnke, Latanya Belinger, Marwin Boyd, Amelia Britz, Jasmine Brown, Kentrell Brown, Dean Bur-

croff, Latiesa Burnett, Tiffani Cannon, Jasmine Colquitt, Tiffany Conradson, Bianca Courtland, Brittany Courtland, Brian Cummings, Derick Davis, Brittany Dismuke, Heather Doyle, Shaniya Dye, Nikki Eves, Stacy Fabinski, Christopher Floyd, April Gondek, Ashley Gondek, Tiara Grandison, Miranda Gubaci, Kristina Hall, Kourtney Hamilton, Adam Hammond, Maura Harris, Steven Hawes, Jasmine Hollingsworth, Anjenette Hood, Larry Horne, Tanisha Hubbard, Tameeka Jackson, Alisa James, Jewel Johnson, Rose Julius, Robert Knick, Thomas Kortas, Rebecca Lewkowicz, Vaughn Liendo, Jacquelyn Logan, Jennifer Logan, Ada Martin, Meisha Martin, Valencia Mathews, Miranda McDiarmid, Janeice McNeal, Joya McNeal, Amanda Menser, Keith Miller, Alecia Morgan, Arielle Morgan, Chad Morris, Kyesha Myers, Lawrence Nastal, Darius Osborne, Amelia Pelayo, Brittany Perry, Melissa Peterson, Nakendra Pinkston, Shauna Pitman, Victoria Rak, Precious Richardson, Katelyn Rogers, Lance Rusan, Stephanie Rutherford, Amanda Saylor, Ryan Schulz, Chiara Snook, Elizabeth Spearman, Kevin Sperry, Dana St. Clair, Jasmine Stephens, Samantha Stewart, Akara Stovall, Leroy Talley, Abigail Tieppo, Katelynn Toby, Alexis Treadaway, Phillip Vaghy, Matthew Wagle, Tricia Wanamaker, Demar Watkins, Darryl White, Dyonna White, Elijah White, Starnesha White, Julian Williams, Korban Williams, Mario Williams, Mindy Willingham, Tempest Wills, Natalie Wilson, Henry Windham, Clara Windom, and Crystal Zimmerman.

Eighth Grade

Shawn Abney, Shon Aggison, Maurice Anderson, Christopher Baker, Patrice Barden, Olivia Berry, William Blackburn, Andrew Boyd, Amanda Braden, Briana Bray, Courtnee Briggs, Jason Britton, Kerri Britz, Candice Bruckner, Nicole Carroll, Kiera Carter, Katherine Cobb, Larhonda Colvin, Daniel Cross, Stacy Davidson, Jessica Donald, Yetunde Emanuel, Carissa Franklin, Angela Gondek, Rashaunda Graham, Tiffany Gray, Nicholas Gregg, Sandra Harris, James Hayes, Lindsey Hines, Cari Hoskinson, James Hoskinson, Edwina Jackson, Rebekah Jackson, Antoine James, Joy Jendritz, Lisa Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Joseph Kiesznowski, Dean Kovacs, Amanda Kreutzer, Thomas Kuderik, Joseph Lewis, Marco Little, Kaitlyn Lovenduski, Richelle Mortzfield, Jasmine Parks, Darius Price, Gary Puhl, Jetaun Robinson, Anthony Schooley, Devin Searcy, Amna Sheikh, Eric Smith, Eric Smith, Monay Smith, Renea Sperry, Kevin Stobbe, Courtney Turner, Jaclyn Vanmeer, Erika Wasson, Dakota Watson, Amber White, Marquis Williams, Daryl Wilson, Lorenzo Wilson, Theresa Windom, and Brittany Wright.

Editor's note: The Romulus News welcomes honor rolls from all schools attended by Romulus residents. □

Cory "Science Night"



Sixth-grader Dichelle Freeman proudly displayed her solar system project during Cory Elementary's "Science Night" program, which gave parents and students a chance to view school science fair exhibits and try various experiments provided by the Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum.



Sixth-grader Nicole Siemaszko displayed her electromagnet project.



Briana Bohannon (left), a first-grader, got help from parent volunteer Lorna Carter as she performed one of the hands-on experiments.

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, for contributing information to the "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 734-942-6852.)

Free Tax Preparation

Now through April 9, volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons will be available at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 12:30 to 3 p.m. (by appointment only) to assist low-income Romulus seniors (age 60 and older) with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040 forms, as well as forms for homestead property tax credits, home-heating credits, and prescription credits.

A list of materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call or stop in at the Center.

New Club for Seniors

On Friday, February 7, at 1 p.m., a meeting will be held at the Romulus Senior Center to discuss goals, guidelines, and expectations for the new senior citizens club that will be forming in March. Anyone interested in getting in on the ground floor of this planning stage is urged to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Speaking of Clubs ...

The local senior group known as Club #1 meets at the Romulus Senior Center each Tuesday at 11 a.m. Future meetings will include:

- February 11 (Valentine's party, lunch served, games);
- February 18 (lunch out, no meeting); and
- February 25 (meeting, potluck, bingo). New faces are always welcome.

Shopping

Romulus senior citizens are invited to ride the Center's van to shop at the following locations:

- Wal-Mart/Farmer Jack – Monday, February 10; van will depart at 9:30 a.m.; and
- Kroger – Monday, February 24; van will depart at 9:30 a.m.

Cost of transportation is just \$1.50 per person. Sign up at the Center to reserve your seat.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman.

- **Soaring Eagle Casino** (February 20; \$30);
- **Point Edward Charity Casino** (February 26; \$15);
- **Casino Niagara** (March 1–2; \$95);
- **Toronto (The Lion King and Mamma Mia)** (April 22–23; \$335); and
- **Alaskan Cruise** (August 20–September 1).

Note: Deposits – due at the time of sign-up – reserve your seat. For day trips, full payment is due at least two weeks before departure. For overnight trips, full payment is due a minimum of 30 days before departure.

February Luncheon

Romulus Middle School teacher Betty Santo and her leadership students will be at the Romulus Senior Center at noon on Friday, February 14, to help out with this month's luncheon. A delicious meal of mostaccioli, green beans, bread, dessert, and beverage will be served, accompanied by musical entertainment from local talent Herschel Hammonds and others. In keeping with the luncheon's Valentine's Day theme, everyone is encouraged to wear red and white.

Since seating is limited, early registration is strongly recommended.

Note: In the spirit of "giving from the heart," the Romulus Senior Center will be donating \$1.50 of each \$2.50 ticket purchased to Hospice.

Seniors Fight Crime with Knowledge

Fact: Over the past five years, national crime rates have been on a steady decline.

Fact: During that same time period, crimes involving senior-citizen victims have shown a rapid increase.

What can be done to stop this trend from continuing?

Well, the old saying, "Knowledge is power," could not be more true than in instances such as this. To help prevent you or someone you know from becoming another crime statistic, the Romulus Police Department has put together several training classes specifically designed to help educate senior citizens about crimes that affect them the most.

The first of these classes – Exploitation Against Senior Citizens: Don't Become a Victim! – will be held at Romulus City Hall on Thursday, February 13, at 10 a.m. Attendees will learn the warning signs of, and how to protect themselves from, the number-one crime against senior citizens.

To preregister, call the Center. □



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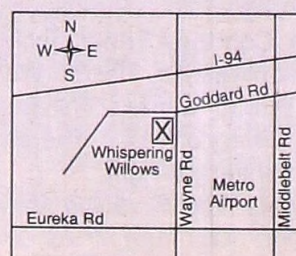
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The Stork Arrived

Zakary Brett Liuzzo

Proudly announcing the birth of their first child, Zakary Brett Liuzzo, are Jamie Usher and Breanna Liuzzo of Romulus, Michigan.

Zakary was born in Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital at 12:12 a.m. on Sunday, December 22, 2002, weighing in at 5 pounds, 13 ounces, and measuring 17.5 inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival were his older cousins, Mickey, Briana, Ashlee, Jake, Emily, Kayla, and Nicole.

Also giving Zakary a warm welcome into his new family were his paternal grandparents, Jeff and Sheryl Usher, and his maternal grandparents, Frank and Sarah Liuzzo (all of Romulus). □



Zakary Brett Liuzzo

Obituaries

Raymond James Blackburn

Raymond James Blackburn of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, January 24, 2003. He was 25 years old.

Raymond—born in Riverview, Michigan, on September 3, 1977—was an employee of the John Carlos Construction Company and a member of the Laborers' Union.

He is survived by his parents, Ray-

mond Jr. and Charmaine S. (Armstrong) Blackburn, and one brother, Jeremiah J. Blackburn (all of Romulus).

A funeral service was held Wednesday, January 29, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Steve Adams (Romulus Wesleyan Church) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Sophie Jennie Falatine

Sophie Jennie Falatine of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, January 25, 2003, at the age of 91.

The native of Lubin, Poland, was born on May 15, 1911.

Sophie is survived by one son, Alfred (Vivian) Falatine (Belleville, MI); a daughter, Evelyn Alatalo (Dearborn Heights, MI); three grandchildren, Michael Falatine, Georgia Yost, and April Dalrymple; and four great-grandchildren, Alexander,

Cherokee, Cheyenne, and Alexia.

Among those predeceasing her was her husband, Alexander Falatine (1973).

A funeral service was held on Thursday, January 30, at St. Stephen's Catholic Church (New Boston, MI), with Father Alexander Wyrwal officiating. Interment was at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery (Brownstown Township, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Forrest R. Newman

Forrest R. Newman of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, January 20, 2003. He was 76 years old.

Born in Westland, Michigan, on March 18, 1926, Forrest was a graduate of Northwest High School in Detroit. As a veteran of the U.S. armed services, he belonged to the American Legion organization, and was also active with Alcoholics Anonymous.

Forrest is survived by two daughters, Ericka L. Killingbeck (Westland) and Gerda M. Matthews (Germany); three brothers, Gene (Dearborn Heights, MI),

Jerry, and Howard Newman (MD); two sisters, Althea Melo (Redford, MI) and Florence Gammage (Dearborn Heights); and two grandsons, Douglas L. Gilbert and Daniel R. Killingbeck (both of Westland). Among those predeceasing him were his wife, Donna L. (Seldner) Newman (January 10, 2003), and two brothers, Walter and Loren Newman.

A funeral service was held on Friday, January 24, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Dan Buttry (First Baptist Church, Dearborn, MI) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery. □

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